NOT PREPARED FOR THE NINEHOUR LAW

Great Number of Railroads Appeal to the Commission for Further Time.

MIGHT BRINGDISASTER IF FORCED ON SOUTHERN

Road Is Cutting Expenses All It Can, Mr. Ackert Says, and Still Running Far Behind. To Add Men Would Be Hardship to Seaboard.

ASHINGTON, February 27.—
Operating officials of railways from all parts of the
country to-day were in attendance upon the hearing
given by the Interstate Commerce Comof applications for an exten-

Nashville. Chattanooga and St. Louis and Douisville and Nashville. With the exception of the New York Central lines, none of the great Eastern roads have made application for extension.

In the course of the hearing two important systems—The Chicago, Burlington and Quincy and the Southern Railway—Indicated by statements and evidence that while it might be possible to procure the necessary additional labor required, it would involve a great financial hardship upon the railroads. General Manager Ackert, of the Southern Railway, frankly stated that his system could not bear the burden of the additional expense, and that if the law was enforced it would mean simply that curtailment of operating expenses in every direction would have to be made, throwing many out of employment.

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of October had been tremendous, resulting, in part, in the taking off of passesiger trains alone to the amount of 5,000 miles a day. He explained that it would be necessary under the law for the Southern to employ 220 operators additional to those now in the employ of the company. He said that for six or eight months the Southern had been endeavoring to obtain a list of competent operators, and to that end had supported schools at Mooresville, W. C., and Danville, Vz. He did not think it would be possible for the company to get a sufficient number of competent, efficient and reliable operators to meet the requirements.

"Are you carning your fixed charges?" Inquired Special Counsel Moore.

"We are not." replied Mr. Ackert.

"We are not," replied Mr. Ackert.
"Are you reducing operating en-

penses?"

"We are," responded Mr. Ackert,
"every day. If we are compelled to
employ additional operators we will
be obliged to reduce expenses in other
lines. We cannot comply with this
law and at the same time meet our
other obligations. We cannot increase
our expenses and keep out of the hunds
of the bondholders of the road. We
are struggling to prevent a catestic. are struggling to prevent a catastro-phic. Our fixed charges are in excess of \$11,000,000 per annum. We did not earn half of our fixed charges in De-

carn half or our fixed charges in De-cember. In the first seven days of Pebruary we went of \$36,000 a day, and the decrease still continues."
"You are virtually asking us," sug-gested Chairman Knapp, "to apply the law to one-third of your stations and abrogate it as to two-thirds of them?"
"We are asking that the time has time "We are asking that the time be extended," replied Mr. Ackert, "until we get the money to pay."
"In other words," said Commissioner

Knapp, "Congress has legislated as to one-third of the stations, and you ask us to legislate as to the other two-

The Scaboard's Situation.

TURNS STATE'S EVIDENCE

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]
ALEXANDRIA, VA., February 27.—
After all the witnesses had been heard to-day in the Police Court in the case of Edward Drowns, Harry Hicks and Wilhert Cook, charged with holding up and shooting Thomas J. Snyder, or Fairfax county. Downs turned State's evidence and implicated himself, together with the other two men. All three were held for the action of the grand jury.

Drowns said that he, Hicks and Cook, on the night of the crime, went to the place conducted by Frank Parker, and decided to go out and hold some one up. He says that after forming their plans the trio started out and Cook gave him a gun. They met Snyder, and Cook demanded that he throw up his hands. Snyder at once complied with the request while two shots rang out. One of the bullets penetrated Snyder's left lung and is still imbedded there. Drowns denied firing either of the shots.

The turning of State's evidence on the part of Drowns as a complete.

FOLLOWS HER HUSBAND

DOG'S BONE IN BOY'S ARM

SMALLPOX IN KING GEORGE

Jr. Paulus Irving in Consultation With County Authorities.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]
FREDERICKSBURG, VA. February 27.—Dr. Paulus A. Irving, of Richmond, head of the State Board of Health, was here this evening in conference with Dr. M. W. Minor, of King George, and Dr. W. J. Chewning, of this city, in reference to smallpox cases in King George, and advice was sought of the State Board. The State Board can do but little, as it has no funds for the purpose. It is not known what the outcome of the conference will be. There are over sixty cases. The distribution of the conference will be. There are over sixty cases. The distribution of the conference will be. There are over sixty cases. The distribution of the conference will be. There are over sixty cases. The distribution of the conference will be. There are over sixty cases. The distribution of the conference will be at the outcome of the conference will be are to the right of Mrs. Swanson.

Senator Neel was on his feet, still he was ruled out of order, and announcement was made that the agony would end an hour before midnight. With dogred persistence Senator Neel was still calling to the chair. It wish to bring to the attention of this Assembly some after-discovered evidence," he began, "which I could not present.—"

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.] NEW YORK, February 27.—Frank A.

DEMOCRATS BREAK QUORUM; CLAIM BRADLEY'S DEFEAT

FRANKFORT, KY., February 27.—
The Democrats broke a quorum in the joint session of the Legislature to-day, claiming the Republicans refused to pair with sick members. The Republicans were only able to muster 64 votes, while 70 made a quorum. Three Democrats from Louisville voted with the Republicans, The Democrats are clated at the showing, claiming it signifies the certain defeat of Bradley.

Ignoring Plea to Act for Good of State Majority Heed Party Call And Vote to Confirm Judge Rhea

RICHMOND, VA., FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 28, 1908.

Prominent Democrats Argue in Vain to Cast Yoke Aside.

GAG RULE IS APPLIED

Members Hotly Resent Interference But Speaker Rules With Iron Hand.

NOEL TRIES TO TELL

Although the joint Assembly was ready to confirm regardless, there was a storm of disapproval from the gala storm of disapproval from the gallery, crowded to the rail with men and women. This storm broke when Senator Noel, falling to secure recognition from the chair to speak of after-discovered evidence, demanded to be heard on a question of personal privilege. So great and prolonged was the cheering that Speaker Byrd threatened to clear the house. The suppressed feeling, however, came forth with a burst at other times.

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tion about the ability of the railways to obtain the necessary number of operators required under the law; that he hai knowledge of thousands of operators in all parts of the country who are now out of employment, and would be willing to accept positions on the railroads.

C. H. Ackert, vice-president and general manager of the Southern.

C. H. Ackert, vice-president and general manager of the Southern Railway, testified that as to 360 stations, his system asked the commission for relief. He said that the decrease in business on the Southern Railway since the first of October had been tremendous resulting, in part, in the taking off of Tassepror trains.

DUG'S BONE IN BOY'S ARM

Animal's Forcleg Substituted Success.

Mr. Caton spoke briefly in support of his resolution to vote at 11 o'clock. Before he was well in his seat members for months from a discussion of the chair, and after a consultation of physicians it was proceeding to discuss the matter when Delegate Goolrick broke in with the larger bone, the physicians concluded to substitute the bone from the larger bone, the physicians concluded to substitute the bone from the larger bone, the physicians concluded to substitute the bone from the Cluded to substitute the bone from the Southern Railway since the first of October had been tremendous resulting, in part, in the taking off of the boy. The down of his foreign the first of October had been tremendous resulting, in part, in the taking off of the boy. The down of his foreign the charm of the lad a big St. Berson the Southern Railway since the first of October had been tremendous resulting, in part, in the taking off of the boy. The down of his foreign the charm of the lad a big St. Berson the southern Railway since the first of October had been tremendous resulting the first of the floor were clamped to first for the floor were clamped to fore he was well in his seat members with the series of the Goolrick before he was well in his seat members with the series of his resolution to vote at 11 o'clock. Bef

the majority report; Delegate Hill Mon-tague and Senator Noel were demand-

ing a roll call,
"The chair does not see a sufficient
number up," said Mr. Speaker, but as
he cast his eyes around he saw a score
of uplifted hands.

"Sit down; you are not in order," the Speaker cried.
"Then, sir," shouted Senctor Noel.
"I arise to a question of personal privi-

MEW YORK, February 27.—Frank A. Munsey has bought the Baitimore News. This purchase makes Mr. Munsey the sole owner, having taken over all of the stock. He will assume control on Saturday.

Mr. Munsey believes a combination of white paper interests. Other businesses have combined he says. Why not the newspapers?

Then, sir, shouted Sentor Noel. "Then, sir," shouted Sentor Noel. "The shouted Se

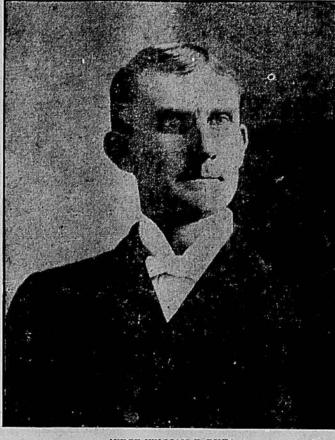
"If have been placed by the speakers in the attitude of a slanderer." Senator Noel was saying as the noise subsided.
"Mr. Bev Wysor—"

"After-discovered evidence is not personal privilege," the Speaker said peremptorily. "Take your seat."

The Senator from Lee meekly compiled, though rejuctantly.

After several attempts to speak, Mr. Montague cut in with a resolution, offered as a substitute, providing that the majority report of the committee he received and adopted, his point hering that this much was due to Judge Rhea in the event he should not be confirmed. He was ruled out. He anpealed from the decision of the committee of the committee of the committee here of the committee here of the should not be confirmed. He was ruled out. He appealed from the decision of the committee that this much was due to Judge Rhea in the decision of the committee that this much was due to Judge Rhea in the decision of the committee that this much was due to Judge Rhea in the decision of the committee that this much was due to Judge Rhea in the decision of the committee that the maintain Eye, the three there is not the House to-day by a vote of 75 to 14.

The measure now goes to the Senator of the was ruled out the committee that the substitute of the committee that the majority report of the committee that the majority that the majority



HOW GENERAL ASSEMBLY VOTED IN THE RHEA CASE

FOR CONFIRMATION, 87.

Carter, F. P. Early, N. B., Jr. Echols, Edward Edmonson, Is. A. Fletcher, G. L. Folkes, E. C.

Baker,
Barreit,
Bell,
Bewman, A. M.
Brewer,
Brown,
Caton,
Chittwood,
Churchman,
Clarke,
Clement,
Cooke,
Cox,
Curlett,
Daniel, John O.
Daniel, Wm. B.

Good, Goolrick, Green, M. M. Hodges, Houston, Howle, Hunt. Janney,
Jennings,
Jett,
Johnsten, C. A.
Louderback,

Stebbins,
Stratton,
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Stunrt,
Stubbs,
Sydnor,
Sylvester,
Taliaferro,
Thrift,
Throckmorton,
West,
Williams, J. W.,
Williams, Martin
Wilson,
Wood,
Mr. Speaker,

AGAINST CONFIRMATION, 46. SENATORS.

Bowman, B. B.
Breckenridge,
Cornett,
Craig,
Edwards,
Eller,
Evans,
Green, Deskin

Harman, A. C. Parsons, J. M. Lincoln, A. T. Saunders, J. E. McAlexander, G. O. Sinns, F. W. Noel, J. C. Strode, A. E. DELEGATES

Tyler, Walker, Weaver, Wileox, Wilkins, Wingo, Wissler.

AGREE TO WAGE REDUCTION | WILD ENGINE KILLS TWO

LOUISVILLE, KY. February 27.—

After an all-day conference between
the officials of the Louisville and
Nashville Railroad and a general committee of adjustment, headed by J. D.
Keene, general chairman of the Order
of Railway Conductors, it was announced to-night that the Louisville
and Nashville conductors have agreed
to a reduction in wages. The reduction consists of a return to the wages
in effect prior to March 1, 1908.

Men in the other branches of employment have been asked by the
Louisville and Nashville to accept a reduction, but thus far no conferences
have been held with them. LOUISVILLE, KY., February 27 .-

EXPLOSION IN MEXICO MINE

Two Hundred Men at Work, and It Is Feared Many Are Lost.

SAN ANTONIO, TEX., February 27.—A special to the Express from Sabinas. Coahulus, Mex., says:

At 5 o'clock this morning there was an explosion of gas in mine No. 3 of the Cla Carbon De Sabinas mines at Rosita, There were about 200 men working in the mine, and up to 7130 A. M. none have come out. It is feared that many are dead or badly burned. A special train left here with doctors.

LOCAL OPTION IN KENTUCKY

T. F. Whittelsey, general manager of the Scaboard Line, testified general serious slump in the revenues of the Scaboard Line, testified general serious slump in the revenues of the Scaboard Line during the past four months, and that while it might be possible for the company to secure the (Continued on Seventh Page.)

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Throttle Bolt Blows Out and Locomolive Crashes Into Caboose.

BROCKWAYVILLE, PA. February
27.—A locomotive running wild through
the Railroad yards here to-day Crashed
into the rear of a freight train at the
Buflalo, Rochester and Pittsburg Railway intersection, killing two men.
The dead: Thomas E. Powell, aged
thirty-five, of Bradford; Charles Fox.
aged forty-three, of Bradford.
Wille a yard engine was taking
water, Engineer C. H. Ray tried to
tighten a bolt on the throttle. Without
warning the throttle bolt blew out and
the engineer and freman were hurled
against thy — The engine, with 200
pounds of steam, started across the
yard at terrific speed and crashed into
the caboose of a freight train. Brakemen Powell and Fox, sitting in the caboose, were crushed to death. The caboose was driven under a steel coal car
and caught fire. The bodies of the two
men were frightfully burned. The
runaway engine and several cars were
demoilshed.

CLAIM TITLE "BRYAN PARTY"

Philadelphia Men File Papers Claiming
Right of Exclusive Use.
HARRISBURG, P.A. February 27.
Papers claiming the right to the exclusive use of the title "Bryan Party"
for the nomination and election of
candidates in Pennsylvania this year
were filed in the prothonotary's office
here by Ludwig Heubner, James Sayille, Jr., Thomas Quinian, Thomas
Schully and William A. Carr, of Philadelphia.

ENGINE CRASHES INTO CAR

Rough Entimate That Jaland Waterway Would Cost \$77,000,000.

WASHINGTON, D. C., February 27.—
The first definite information as to the cost of the proposed Atlantic infam waterway from Boston to Beaufort was conveyed by General Alexander Mackenzie, U. S. A., chief of engineers, to the congressional subcommittee which has been following up the work of the recent Philadelphia conference.

As the result of this letter there was a meeting of the congressional conference this afternoon After reading General Mackenzie's letter, indicating that the total cost of the route, except the New York and Delaware and Raritan section, would be about \$77,000,000, the committee decided before introducing a bill or bills to confer settle route. an section, would be about \$77,000,000, to committee decided before introducing a bill or bills to confer with Chairman Burton, of the Rivers and Harsons Committee. This they will probibly do to-morrow, Members of the committee indicated that while the nformation given oy General Mackenzie was nocessarily incomplete; till would be very helpful in establishing surveys and methods of proedure.

General Mackenzie, in his letter to the House committee estimates the ost of the several sections as follows:

cost of the several sections as follows:

"Estimated cost of twenty-five-foot depth from Boston to north end of Staten Island (in open ocean from Narragansett Bay to Long Island Sound), \$57-618.368.

"Cost of twenty-five-foot navigation from north end of Staten Island to Philadelphia (involving deepening of Artur Kill, Rarltan River, Delaware River and the construction of a canal from Rarltan River to the Delaware (indefinite). Cost of twenty-seven-foot depth from Philadelphia to Norfolk—plus value of works and franchises of Chesapeake and Delaware (Canal-\$2.514.289.70.

"Cost of eighteen-foot depth from Norfolk to Beaufort Inlet, \$10.023.000."

"Total, \$77.761.119.09.

"Plus a large and indefinite amount for Delaware and Rarltan section. No reconnalissance appears to have been made for an inland waterway to avoid stretch of open sea of about forty miles between the entrance to Narragansett Bay and the eastern entrance to Long Island Sound."

TRIES TO KILL CAUTHORN

Insane Woman Attempts to Sheet Him on the Train.

[Special to The Times-Depatch.]

[CHRISTIANSBURG. VA., February 27.—While Sheriff Martin was taking Frank Cauthorn to Marion Asylum, Mrs. Nannie L. Hutton, of Cambria, boarded the train there, armed with a revolver, and made a desperate effort to shoot Cauthorn, but was overpowered by Conductor Wood, disarmed and turned over to the local authorities. A commission of lunacy will be held to determine her sanity to-morrow. She had taken great interest during the trial of Cauthorn here last week for the murder of Mrs. Ada Jones and wanted to interview him in jail after the trial, as she pretended to sympathize with him, and stated that she believed him insane, as she had been in the asylum herself, but this permission was refused. She was discharged from the Marion Asylum a short time ago and will likely be returned after to-morrow's proceedings.

Great excitement was created on account of her conduct to-day, and every one believes her sympathy for Cauthorn was only a ruse to get an opportunity to kill him. Mrs. Hutton's husband obtained a divorce from her at Salem a few months ago.

TO CONFER ABOUT WAGES

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Mediation Board Will Probably Meet
Southern People Satarday.

WASHINGTON D. C.. February 27..

Commissioner of Labor Neill said today that the first of the mediation
board and the Southern Railway officlais and employes, who have been unable to agree on the proposed wage
reduction scale, will be held possibly
by Saturday. Commissioner Neill and
Chairman Knapp. of the Interstate
Commerce Commissioner Neil as called
on the Southern for the mediation board designated by law for such
cases. Commissioner Neil has called
on the Southern for the names of the
organizations and the addresses of their
representatives with whom the road
has been dealing the past two weeks
in the effort to compromise on the
wage reduction. These include the machinists, engineers, firemen, railway
telegraphers and other employes.

MISSOURI IS FOR TAFT

Convention Declares for Him and Indorses Rooseveit's Administration.
ST. LOUIS, MO., February 27.—Resolutions favoring the candidacy of Seclutions favoring the candidacy of Seclut

ther bort S. Hadley was introduced. The Republican nominee for Governor; the Cherokee nation can deman no the choice of the convention for national committeeman, and four delegates at large to the national convention and four alternates were selected. The delegates were instructed for Taft.

The convention was composed of 1,074 delegates from the sixteen congressional districts, one for each 300 youtse cast for President in 1904. The alternates are negroes.

WEATHER BUREAU BUILDING

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Committee on Agriculture Sets Apart 1,000 for One in Richmond.

Committee on Agriculture Sets Apart \$\$ \$15,000\$ for One in Richmond. [From Our Regular Correspondent.] WASHINGTON, D. C., February 27. The House Committee on Agriculture has provided for the excellent of a building for the Weather Bureau in Richmond. The agricultural appropriation bill provides for the erection of a building for the Weather Bureau in Richmond. The agricultural appropriation bill provides for the erection of five such buildings in various cities, each to cost the amount stated. Representative Lamb, who is the senior Domocratic member of the Committee on Agriculture, saw to it that one of these buildings was located in Richmond.

Senator Carter came to the rescue of the Senate and attempted to show that both Senators were right. Ha

Pot of Tar Takes Fire Near Greensboro With Terrible Results.

GREENSBORO, N. C., February 27.—
A four-year-old child is dead, a two year-old child is probably fatally burnout and a fifteen-year-old boy is seriously injured as the result of the burning of a pot of pitch tar near this city to-day.

Schuly and William A. Carr, of Philadelphia.

Latheir statement of pre-emption the signers set forth that they take the name to form a party to support the principles of William J. Bryan and 'for the further purpose of assisting of one of the boys put a pot of pitch of defeat the devices of the false leaders."

burning of a pot of pick and the last named are sons of Thomas O. Hordin, and the last named is so on of Peter Hordin. The father of one of the boys put a pot of pitch on a stove to melt for roofing purposes, leaving the elder boy in charge, and in some way the pitch caught fire.

DEATH IN THE FLAMES

Accident at Alexandria in Which Fiffeen or More Are injured.

A North Carolina Girl Burned to Death
in Tenement House,
A Southern Railway ergine to-night at
10:30 o'clock ran into a trolley train
of o'clock ran into a trolley train
of Mount Vernon Electric Railway, and
as a recult about fifteen passengers,
is mostly Washington ins, were more or
is loss injured by shock and broken glass,
The passengers in the front car were
that destroyed a tenement house occurpants were asset when the fire startto thrown to the floor, and there was a
thrown to the floor, and there was a
though from Washington. A disregard of
orders on the part of the crew of
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the electric train is said to have been
responsible for the accident.

DEATH IN THE FLAMES

A North Carolina Girl Burned to Death
in Tenement House,
Pebruary 27.—Ac.
Senator Owen went over to the Republican side and took a seat by the
side of Senator Curtis. The two laughst
good-naturedly, and appeared to be
continuing the discussion.
Upon the conclusion of Mr. McCreary's speech, Mr. Owen again took
the floor, and there was a
bund for Washington. A disregard of
orders on the part of the crew of
the electric train is said to have been
responsible for the accident.

EXCITING SCENE ON FLOOR OF SENATE

Forgetting Parliamentary Rules, and with Faces Showing Emotion, Men with Indian Blood

> Have Interesting Colloquy-All on the Indian Bill.

ASHINGTON, February 27.—

One of the most dramatic scenes ever witnessed in the Senate was enacted to-day, when Senator Robert L.

Owen, of Oklahoma, insisted in tragic tones and with face showing much emotion that the Five Civilized Tribes of Indians were dead, and that he, as a member of the tribe of Cherokee Indians, was not under the control of the Secretary of the Interior. The event was rendered all the more interesting by the fact that Mr. Owen was sharply engaged in controversy by Senator by the fact that Mr. Owen was sharply engaged in controversy by Senator. Charles Curtis, of Kansas, himself a Kaw Indian. It was the first time that two men with Indian blood in their veins had ever locked horns as Senators in the Senate chamber. Both Senators show in their faces the fact that Indian blood is in their veins, and the flery manner in which each maintained his side in debate to-day also indicated the Indian.

"I do not," retorted Mr. Owen.
Mr. Curtis insisted upon his view of
the status of the Oklahoma Senator. Ho
did not contend that the property of
the Senator from On shoma, aside from
that owned as a member of the Cherokee tribe of Indians, was under the
secretary, but that his tribr property
was. "I think you ought not to to
under control of the secretary, but
you are," he said.
"I agree," quickly replied Mr. Owen,
"with the Senator from Kansas that I
ought not to be. I disagree with him
that I am."

Mr. Owen Very Dramatic.

mond.

There is practically no doubt that the appropriation will be made.

ONE KILLED; TWO INJURED

Part of Tay Takes Fire New Greenshare

Both of the objects of this saily joined in the laughter that filled the chamber.

Owen Stands Alone.

At 2 o'clock the discussion was brought to a conclusion by the un-finished business, the Aldrich currency bill, and Senator McCreary, of Ken-tucky, proceeded to speak on that measure.